

party's request to file materials under seal must be made by formal motion, separate from the motion or other pleading sought to be sealed, pursuant to LCvR 7.1. Such motion must be filed electronically under the designation "Motion to Seal." The motion must set forth:

- (1) A non-confidential description of the material sought to be sealed;
- (2) A statement indicating why sealing is necessary and why there are no alternatives to filing under seal;
- (3) Unless permanent sealing is sought, a statement indicating how long the party seeks to have the material maintained under seal and how the matter is to be handled upon unsealing; and
- (4) Supporting statutes, case law, or other authority.

Local Rule 6.1. It appears that the requirements of Local Rule 6.1(c)(1) through (4) have been met.

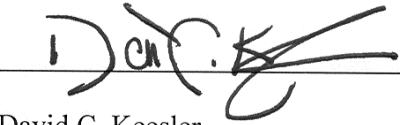
By the instant motion, the parties note that they have each inadvertently filed the Blue Cross NC Benefit Booklet applicable to this case without redacting personally identifying information about a participant that is protected under HIPPA and associated federal regulations. (Document No. 67, p. 1). The parties have not filed a publicly available redacted version of the documents they wish to seal. See (Document No. 67-1).

Having considered the factors provided in Local Rule 6.1(c), the Court will grant the motion to seal. Noting that the time for public response has not run to this motion, the Court will consider any objection to this Order from non-parties as an objection to the motion, requiring no additional burden for any non-party under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. See Local Rule 6.1(e).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the parties' "Joint Motion To Seal" (Document No. 67) is **GRANTED**. Document Nos. 37-1 and 42-3 shall be **SEALED** and remain under **SEAL** until otherwise ordered by this Court.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: March 1, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.C. Keesler", is written over a horizontal line.

David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge

